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SUBJ: THE SECRETARY'S JULY 14 SPEECH AND THE ISRAELI
SUSPENSION ISSUE

REF: A. NEW DELHI 9951

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1. REF A (CONFIDENTIAL/EXDIS) REPORTED THE AMBASSADOR'S
JULY 23 CALL ON THE PRIME MINISTER IN WHICH HE CALLED
HER ATTENTION TO THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH AND EMPHASIZED
THE DANGERS TO THE UN OF EXPELLING MEMBERS. IN
HER USUAL MANNER SHE WAS NOT VERY RESPONSIVE, ALTHOUGH
ONE MIGHT INFER THAT SHE DOES NOT SHARE OUR CONCERN.

2. REF C
SPORTED AGREEMENT BETWEEN INDIAN FONMIN CHAVAN
AND INDONESIAN FONMIN MALIK (DURING LATTER'S RECENT VISIT
TO INDIA) ON ISRAELI QUESTION AT UN. IF THE ARAB PROPOSAL
TO EXCLUDE ISRAEL AROSE AT UNGA, THEY AGREED THAT UN
SHOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO GET ISRAEL TO ABIDE BY ITS
RESOLUTIONS AND ULTIMATELY CONSIDER USE OF SANCTIONS, BUT
NOT AT THIS TIME. BOTH THE INDONESIANS AND INDIANS
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REPORTEDLY WERE PLEASED WITH POSITION TAKEN AT OAU

MEETING IN KAMPALA.

3. THE ITALIAN AMBASSADOR IN DELHI, IN HIS CAPACITY AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE EEC, CALLED ON FONMIN CHAVAN AUGUST 8 TO DISCUSS THE ISRAELI QUESTION. CHAVAN TOLD THE AMBASSADOR: INDIA CONTINUES TO ACCEPT ISRAEL AS A REALITY AND PERMITS AN ISRAELI CONSUL GENERAL TO FUNCTION IN BOMBAY. THE ARAB COUNTRIES ACCEPT THIS. THE GOI HAS NOT YET DECIDED HOW IT WILL VOTE ON THE QUESTION OF EXPULSION OF ISRAEL FROM THE UN, NOR ON THE POSITION IT WILL TAKE AT LIMA. THE GOI WILL BE GUIDED BY THE COURSE OF DISCUSSION IN LIMA AND HOPES THAT IT WOULD BE INCONCLUSIVE, AS WAS THE OAU MEETING. THE GOI IS FULLY AWARE OF THE POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES OF EXCLUDING ISRAEL, BUT IS ANXIOUS NOT TO DAMAGE ITS RELATIONS WITH THE THIRD WORLD. OTHER EEC COUNTRIES WHICH MADE SIMILAR REPRESENTATIONS IN NEW DELHI WERE TREATED TO THE SAME DISCOURSE.

4. WE HAVE IT ON GOOD AUTHORITY (MEA SECRETARY WEST TRIVEDI TO ACTING UK HIGH COMMISSIONER) THAT THE GOI IS WORKING WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF YUGOSLAVIA TO DEFUSE THE ISRAELI EXPULSION ISSUE AT THE LIMA CONFERENCE.

5. COMMENT: THE GOI IS OBVIOUSLY ENGAGED IN AN EFFORT TO BALANCE ITS INTERESTS WITH THE ISLAMIC WORLD (PETROLEUM, ITS OWN MUSLIM POPULATION, AND ITS NEED TO DEMONSTRATE ITS GOOD WILL TOWARD THE ISLAMIC STATES IN WAKE OF ITS RESERVATIONS ABOUT BANGLADESH COUP) WITH ITS INTERESTS IN AVOIDING ANTAGONIZING US AND THOSE WHO TAKE A MODERATE VIEW ON THE ISRAELI QUESTION. THE GOI WILL NOT GET OUT IN FRONT ON THE ISRAELI QUESTION, BUT WILL SEEK TO AVOID A UNGA CONFRONTATION ON THE MATTER.
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